

**VERMONT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Capitol Plaza Conference Center, Montpelier Room, 100 State Street, Montpelier**  
**February 19, 2008**

*The State Board of Education shall sustain a vision of high skills, creative thinking, and love of knowledge and learning for every student by setting education policy that ensures student achievement in a safe and healthy learning environment.*

**Agenda\***

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<b>Preliminaries</b>			
8:45 a.m.	<b>A</b>	Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance Tom James, Chair	
	<b>B</b>	Roll Call and Introductions Chair, Board members, others	
<b>Discussion Item</b>			
9:00 a.m.	<b>C</b>	Desired State Discussion: Business Community <i>How Are the Children? A Step toward the Transformation of Education in Vermont</i> Board Members, Richard Cate	DISCUSS
11:10 a.m.		Break	
11:15 a.m.	<b>D</b>	Public to be Heard	
	<b>E</b>	Announcements, Board Member Updates Chair, Board Members	DISCUSS
	<b>F</b>	January Monthly Report Tom James, Chair	DISCUSS
	<b>G</b>	Commissioner's Update Richard Cate	DISCUSS
<b>Action Items</b>			
	<b>H**</b>	Consent Agenda	VOTE
12:00 p.m.		Lunch (Invited)	
<b>Discussion Items (continued)</b>			
1:00 p.m.	<b>I</b>	Focus Topic: Teacher Learning Communities; Teaching Best Practice St. Johnsbury School District: Marian Anastasia, Principal; Beth Cobb, Jodie Elliott, Jeremy Ross, TLC Leaders	DISCUSS

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| 1:50 p.m. |          | Break                                                                                                                                                                           |         |
| 2:00 p.m. | <b>J</b> | Desired State Discussion: Higher Education, VSBPE, VCTE<br><i>How Are the Children? A Step toward the Transformation of Education in Vermont</i><br>Board Members, Richard Cate | DISCUSS |
| 4:15 p.m. | <b>K</b> | Wrap Up and Future Agendas<br>Richard Cate, Carol King                                                                                                                          | DISCUSS |
| 4:30 p.m. |          | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                  |         |
|           | <b>L</b> | <b>Written Reports</b><br>1. Report to the Legislature to Address Services for<br>Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (AHS/DOE)<br>2. FY 2009 Budget Book (SBE/DOE)      |         |

\* Indications of time on the agenda are best estimates, and therefore may not reflect actual time an item is addressed. We will do our best to address items within the time indicated and extra effort will be made to adhere to the time indicated for public hearing and voting items.

\*\* With discussion.

\*\*\* If the discussion warrants and the Board so votes, this item may be held in Executive Session.

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If you wish any item to be removed  
for further discussion, please notify  
Carol King (802) 828-5101 or  
[Carol.C.King@state.vt.us](mailto:Carol.C.King@state.vt.us) by the Friday prior to the meeting.  
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**Item H – Consent Agenda**

- 1. Minutes of January 15, 2007 SBE Meeting**
- 2. Independent School Approval** (Kerry Garber; Pat Pallas Gray)  
Renewal of General Independent School Approval:  
Upper Valley Waldorf School, Quechee, VT (Grades K-8)
- 3. Certificate of Degree Granting Authority: Albany College of Pharmacy**  
(Kerry Garber, Robert Lorenz)
- 4. Bus Idling Rules** (Bill Talbott, Cathy Hilgendorf)